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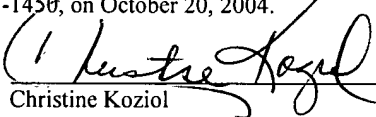
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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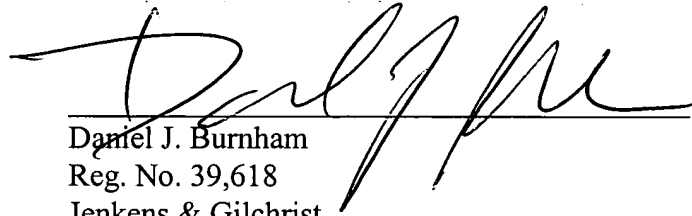
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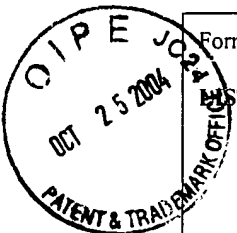
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Respectfully submitted,

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